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Mrs. Mary D'Andrea U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania Middle District of Pennsylvania 228 Walnut Street Room 1060 Harrisburg, PA 17108

RE: Docket No. 03-1423

Johnson vs. Secretary Veterans

D.C. No. 00-cv-01873

Dear Mrs. D'Andrea:

Enclosed is a certified copy of the judgment together with copy of the opinion in the above-entitled case(s). The certified judgment is issued in lieu of a formal mandate and is to be treated in all respects as a mandate.

Kindly acknowledge receipt for same on the enclosed copy of this letter.

Counsel are advised of the issuance of the mandate by copy of this letter. A copy of the certified judgment is also enclosed showing costs taxed, if any.

Very truly yours, MARCIA M. WALDRON Clerk

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By: Lynn Lopez

Case Manager

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cc: Andrew J. Ostrowski, Esq. Kate L. Mershimer, Esq.